

## Meet the Commission for Women!

We are a highly diverse group of committed people who work to promote the well-being of women in the City of Fairfax. We range in age from our twenties to seventies and come from all corners of the globe. We work or are retired from positions in government, education, social services, legal services and child care. We are even diverse in gender! But it is our shared focus that keeps us going forward.

The Commission is responsible for a number of important initiatives that positively impact residents. We advocated to establish regulation of family home child care and helped bring School Age Child Care (SACC) programs to City of Fairfax Schools. We advocated for creation of the position of Human Services Coordinator to provide assistance to residents in accessing contracted health and human service programs.

We were the first City of Fairfax commission to send a member to Richmond to testify on legislative issues. And we were the first City of Fairfax commission to sponsor a legislative breakfast (which is where a lot of politics happen!) for members of the General Assembly. We were also the first City of Fairfax commission to develop a website filled with information, photos and resources and to offer our informational brochure in Spanish and Korean.

Projects reflect members' interests and passions. A recent conference "Get the Facts & Take Action: Human Trafficking" was co-sponsored with commissions for women throughout the region in January. Over 200 attendees participated in this eye-opening event at the Stacy Sherwood Center. Previous conferences included end of life issues, child care provider recognition and training, women seeking elected office and women owned businesses. We also sponsor annual Community Day of Service with groups such as GIRL, Inc.; recognize volunteers; and advise City of Fairfax Officials on legislative and policy issues. An ongoing focus is domestic violence.

Want to make a difference? Join us! We meet on the third Tuesday every month at 7:15 pm at City Hall. Visit our website at [www.fairfaxva.gov/cfw](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/cfw) or call 703 385-7894.